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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7697**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 346

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 15, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 15, 2001

**SUBJECT:** State veterans' cemetery funding.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill specifies that the State Veterans' Cemetery Fund is a dedicated fund and expands its sources of funding. It provides that the balance of the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund, and continuously appropriates the earnings in the fund for the operation of the State Veterans' Cemetery. The bill provides that the principal of the fund may be expended only for specific purposes following an appropriation by the General Assembly. The bill also provides that any unspent appropriations that were made in the 1999 Budget Act for the operation of the cemetery are to be transferred to the fund.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** P.L.273-1999 established the Veterans' Cemetery Operation Fund as a non-reverting fund and appropriated \$1.5 M to the Fund over the biennium. The fund was created in a non-code section. This bill would combine the Veterans' Cemetery Operation Fund into the existing statutory State Veterans' Cemetery Fund, including any existing balance in the Operation fund, before July 1, 2001. Since both funds are non-reverting and have the same basic function, there is no real fiscal impact to this proposal.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**